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tasking, single-user operating system with a command-line interface, released in 1981, for IBM PCs and compatibles. MS-DOS, like other operating systems, oversees operations such as disk input and output, video support, keyboard control, and many internal functions related to program execution and file maintenance.

MS-DOS mode \M'S dos' mōd, D-O-S' n. A shell in which the MS-DOS environment is emulated in 32-bit systems such as Windows 95. *See also* MS-DOS, shell¹.

MS-DOS shell \M'S dos' shel, D-O-S' n. A shell environment based on a command line prompt that allows a user to interact with MS-DOS or an MS-DOS-emulating operating system.

MSDOS.SYS \M'S-dos'dot-sis', M'S-D-O-S'dot-S-Y-S' n. One of two hidden system files installed on an MS-DOS startup disk. MSDOS.SYS, called IBMDOS.SYS in IBM releases of MS-DOS, contains the software that makes up the heart (kernel) of the operating system. *See also* IO.SYS.

msec \mil'ə-sek'ənd\ n. *See* millisecond.

MSI \M'S-I' n. *See* medium-scale integration.

MSN \M'S-N' n. *See* The Microsoft Network.

MSP \M'S-P' n. *See* Message Security Protocol.

.ms.us \dot-M-S'dot-U-S' n. On the Internet, the major geographic domain specifying that an address is located in Mississippi, United States.

MS-Windows \M'S-win'dōz\ n. *See* Windows.

.mt \dot-M-T' n. On the Internet, the major geographic domain specifying that an address is located in Malta.

MTBF \M'T-B-F' n. Acronym for mean time

which multiple users simultaneously participate in a role-playing game and interact with each other in real time. *Also called* multiuser simulation environment.

Multibus \mul'tī-bus', mul'tē-bus' n. A computer expansion bus designed by Intel Corporation that is used extensively by designers of high-performance workstations. A high-bandwidth bus (capable of extremely fast data transmission). Multibus also allows multiple bus masters. *See also* bus.

multicast backbone \mul'tē-kast bak'bōn, mul'tē-kast' n. *See* MBONE.

multicasting \mul'tē-kas'tēng, mul'tī-kas'tēng' n. The process of sending a message simultaneously to more than one destination on a network.

Multi-Color Graphics Array \mul'tī-kā-lar graf'iks ər-ā', mul'tē-kā-lər' n. *See* MCGA.

multi-element \mul'tē-el'ə-mənt, mul'tī-el'ə-mənt' adj. Consisting of multiple data elements that all have the same format for storing the same kind of information. The data elements may be simple variables, as in an array of integer variables, or they may be more complicated data structures, as in an array of employee records each of which contains fields for an employee's name, Social Security number, pay rate, and so on.

multifile sorting \mul'tī-fīl sōr'tēng, mul'tē-fīl' n. The process of sorting a body of data that resides in more than one file.

MultiFinder \mul'tī-fīn'dər, mul'tē-fīn'dər' n. A version of the Apple Macintosh Finder that provides support for multitasking. The primary use of